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SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION , COMMAND AND CONTROL OF TACTICAL AIR  
FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION

SUMMARY. MISSION RECEIVED A COPY OF DRAFT PRIVAT OFFICE  
MEMO THAT GIVES STATUS OF REORGANIZATION OF ALLIED  
AIR FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION (AAFCE) AND SEKS PERMREP  
ENDORSEMENT OF MILITARY COMMITTEE OUTLINE PLAN TO MINISTERS.  
REORGANIZATION STATUS REPORT IS EXPECTED TO BE ON DPC AGENDA  
FOR MEETING JUNE 6. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY OPENING OF  
BUSINESS JUNE 5. END SUMMARY.

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1. ON MAY 29 MISSION RECEIVED TEXT OF DRAFT MEMO FROM SYG  
LUNS TO PERMREPS THAT SUMMARIZES STATUS OF REORGANIZATION OF  
ALLIED AIR FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION AND ASKS PERMREPS TO  
ENDORSE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OUTLINE PLAN TO MINISTERS.

DETAIL OF MC STATUS REPORT CONTAINED IN MCM 32-74, MAY 29, FOLLOW SEPTTEL. THE REPORT RECOMMENDS A SITE FOR THE PERMANENT LOCATION OF HQ AAFCE, PROVIDES FOR AN INTERIM HQ LOCATION AND CONTAINS AN IMPLEMENTATION OUTLINE PLAN. MISSION EXPECTS LITTLE CHANGE IN FINAL FORM OF SYG LUNS DRAFT MEMO. THE MEMO PROPOSES TO MAKE THIS MATTER AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE DPC MEETING JUNE 6. BEGIN TEXT:

REORGANIZATION OF ALLIED AIR FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION

AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN MINISTERIAL SESSION HELD IN DECEMBER, 1973 APPROVAL WAS GIVEN TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW HEADQUARTERS UNDER THE TITLE OF "ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE (AAFCE), TO AN EARLY DESIGNATION OF THE AIR COMMANDER AND TO THE PROVISION OF THE NECESSARY STAFF SUPPORT FROM WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES AND THE NATIONS DIRECTLY CONCERNED. FURTHER, THE MINISTERS TOOK NOTE THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WAS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO RECOMMEND A PEACETIME LOCATION FOR HQ AAFCE(1).

2. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAS NOW PROVIDED A REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDED LOCATION OF PERMANENT PEACETIME HQ AAFCE, THE INTERIM SOLUTION AND AN OUTLINE PLAN. I HAVE PREPARED THE DRAFT OF A DPC DOCUMENT (ATTACHED) SUMMARIZING THE MILITARY COMMITTEE DOCUMENT AND TRANSMITTING IT TO MINISTERS.

3. I HAVE PLACED THIS MATTER ON THE AGENDA OF OUR MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 6TH JUNE, 1974.

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(1) DPC/D(73)35 DATED 19TH DECEMBER, 1973.  
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1. AT THE MINISTERIAL SESSIONS OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER, 1971 AND 1972(1) (2) THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENCE SUGGESTED THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE BE ASKED TO CONSIDER THE ORGANIZATION OF OUR AIR FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION AS A MATTER OF UTMOST PRIORITY. AT THE MEETING OF DEFENCE MINISTERS IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR(3), MINISTERS HAVE:

A. APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW HEADQUARTERS UNDER THE TITLE OF ALLIED AIR FORCES CENTRAL EUROPE (AAFCE), AS RECOMMENDED BY SACEUR AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE;.

B. AUTHORIZED THE EARLY DESIGNATION OF THE AIR COMMANDER AND THE PROVISION OF THE NECESSARY STAFF SUPPORT FROM WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES OF THE NATIONS DIRECTLY

CONCERNED;

C. TOOK NOTE THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WAS NOT YET IN A POSITION TO RECOMMEND A PEACETIME LOCATION FOR HQ AAFCE.

2. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAVING THOROUGHLY REVIEWED VARIOUS PROPOSALS RELEVANT TO A PEACETIME LOCATION, ACCEPTS SACEURS RECOMMENDATIONS(4) FOR AN INITIAL SOLUTION AND AGREES WITH THE LONG TERM PROPOSALS OF THE CHIEFS OF STAFF OF THE SIX NATIONS PRIMARILY CONCERNED, IN THEI RESPECT A DETAILED PLAN WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE FACILITIES REQUIRED, A TIME-SCATE, COST ESTIMATE AND MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE IN PRINCIPLE(5) THE FOLLOWING:

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- (1) DPC-VR(71)31, PART I, 8TH DECEMBER, 1971
  - (2) DPC-VR(72)20, PART I, 6TH DECEMBER, 1972
  - (3) DPC/D(73)35, PARAGRAPH 8, 19 DECEMBER, 1973
  - (4) SHAPE LETTER 1220.2/20-5-2/S4/74, 15 FEBRUARY, 1974
  - (5) MCM-32-74, 27 MAY, 1974
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A. THE LOCATION OF THE PERMANENT PEACETIME HQ AAFCE SHOULD BE AT BRUNSSUM;

B. MEANWHILE THW LOCATION OF THE INITIAL PEACETIME HQ AAFCE SHOULD BE AT RAMSTEIN. THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AIR COMMANDER AND PROVISION OF ADEQUATE STAFF TO MEET HIS REQUIREMENT, AND TO ESTABLISH THE INTERNATIONAL NATOURE OF HIS HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED. PENDING THE SECRET

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REQUIRED APPROVAL OF DETAILED PLAN AND OTHER FACTORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH C-M(69)22, COMAAAFCE MAY ORGANIZE HIS HEADQUARTERS WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES;

C. 4 ATAF SHOULD BE MOVED TO COLLOCATE WITH CENTAG AT SECKENHEIM. THE APPOINTMENT OF A GENERAL OFFICER OF THE GERMAN AIR FORCE AS COMMANDER 4ATAF SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED, FOLLOWING THE ACTIVATION AND ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND OF AAFCE BY A UNITED STATES GENERAL OFFICER;

D. THE BOERFINK BUNKER SHOULD BE DEVELOPED AS THE JOINT STATIC WAR HEADQUARTERS AFCENT/AAFCE, ON A PRIORITY BASIS;

E. THE OFFER OF THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM SUM OF H.FL.3.75 MILLION FOR THE PROVISION OF A NEW BUILDING AT BRUNSSUM FOR THE USE OF THE PERMANENT HQ AAFCE, SHOULD BE ACCEPTED BUT THE EXPENDITUREOF THESE FUNDS SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE DETAILED PLAN SUBMITTED IN ACCORDNACE WITH C-M(69)72 IS APPROVED;

F. THE TARGET TIMETABLE FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REORGANIZATION.

3. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, I SUGGEST THE MINISTERS:

- A. NOTE SACEIRS REPORT;
- B. NOTE AND APPROVE THE MILITARY COMMITTEES OUTLINE  
PLAN IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE;
- C. INVITE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO FORWARD A FURTHER  
REPORT IN TIME FOR THE NEXT DPC MEETING IN MINISTERIAL  
SESSION. END TEXT.

2. MISSION REQUESTS GUIDANCE FOR PROPOSED DPC MEETING BY  
OPENING OF BUSINESS JUNE 5. RUMSFELD

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